ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH,

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA.

October 19th and 20th, 1900.

OFFICERS

A. WHITE, Moderator, Earnest, Ala.

J. J. WALDROP, Clerk & Treas. Toadvine, Ala.

The next session will be held with Smithville Baptist Church, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901

ROBERTS PRINTER, B'HAM.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. J BATSON, Earnest, Ala.

M. T. HUEY, Short Creek, Ala.

J. H. MAULDIN, Palos, Ala.

J. D. MARTIN, Bessemer, Ala.

W. H. SNOW, Snow, Ala.

E. H. TUGGLE, Palos, Ala.

G. B. VINES, Short Creek, Ala.

A. WHITE, Earnest, Ala.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Earnest, Ala., October 19th, 1900.

The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association met this day in its Twenty-ninth Annual Session in the meeting house of Concord Baptist Church at 12 m.

Elder G. B. Vines being absent, Elder G. W. Lovell, of Bessemer Association, preached the introductory sermon from St. Luke 13:7.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the former Moderator reading the 23d division of Psalms. Prayer by D. G. Knight.

The names of the churches was then called, and the letters laid on the table. D. M. Waldrop and W. P. Salter was appointed to read the letters.

Names of delegates enrolled are as follows:

Adger—Not represented.

Big Creek—M. B. Roberts, M. C. Fields, L. L. Franklin.

Concord—Rev. A. White, J. M. Waldrop, R. F. Vines.

Connellsville—Not represented.

Freewill—C. B. Hood, A. J. Sumners, J. H. Mauldin.

Hopewell—*W. H. Snow, J. W. Snow, J. C. Prescott.

Liberty—*I. V. Salter, *G. B. Vines, F. M. Vines.

Mud Creek—J. K. P. Laird, S. A. Parsons, W. C. Cargil.

Mount Ida—Not represented.
New Bethel—*J. C. Hood, *L. B. Hood, T. J. Trice.
Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
Rock Creek—*H. W. Birchfield, D. M. Waldrop, J. J. Waldrop.
Smithville—R. L. Payne, David Glaze, Alfred Smith.
Sardis—Not represented.
Union Grove—F. M. Reed, *W. M. Black, *D. W. Thompson.
* Absentees.

The election of officers being declared in order, Elder A. White was elected Moderator and J. J. Waldrop Clerk.

An invitation was given newly constituted churches. Received petitionary letter from Casaldonia Church.

On motion, Elder J. D. Martin was seated. Called for correspondence received. W. P. Salter, from Clear Creek Association; Elder G. W. Lovell, from Bessemer Association; Theodore Ryan, from Bessemer Association; A. B. Batson, from Harmony Grove Association.

The following committees were appointed:
Devotion—W. C. Cargil, R. L. Payne, J. C. Hood.
Documents—R. F. Vines, D. M Waldrop, David Glaze.
Nominations—S. A. Parsons, Alfred Smith, C. B. Hood.
Finance—J. K. P. Laird, F. M. Vines, J. C. Prescott.
Deceased Members—J. M. Waldrop, M. B. Roberts. I. V. Salter.

On motion, the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, etc., were read by Rev. J. D. Martin.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by R. F. Vines.

Committee on Education reported. Report received and adopted.

Report on Temperance received. Discussed by S. A. Parsons, Rev. J. D. Martin, and adopted.

Report on Missions received; discussed by Rev. J. D. Martin, and adopted.

Adjourned at 11 a. m. for preaching.

Rev. J. D. Martin delivered an impressive sermon from Mica 5:5.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

I beg leave to report as follows: Money collected at the Mud Creek Association, 1899, was as follows:

For Orphans' Home	$ 28 25
For Missions	20 40
For Minutes	10 80
To Clerk	8 60
To Moderator	3 65
For W. L. Knight	47 90
Total	$119 60

J. K. P. LAIRD, Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. B. M. Waldrop, from Birmingham Association; Rev. O. J. Waldrop, from Bessemer Association; E. Brown, from the North River Association, were seated as correspondence.

Report on Sunday Schools received and adopted

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Missions—A. J. Sumners.
Sabbath Schools—R. F. Vines.
Temperance—J. K. P. Laird.
Education—J. M. Waldrop, Jr.
J. J. Waldrop was appointed Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next session of this body be held with Smithville Church, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901. Rev. J. H. Mauldin preach the introductory sermon on Friday at 11 a. m. Rev. A. White preach the missionary sermon on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. PARSONS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, report with sorrow and sad hearts several of our members who have been called away since our last meeting. Those that are at rest with Christ in glory are: Mahettable Nail, Amanda Smith and Josephine Fields, of Smithville Church; Bro. Thos. Reeves, of Rock Creek Church; John Aldrige, of Union Grove Church; Mary Vines, Rebecca Beck, Willie Glaze, of Liberty Church; Annie Payne, from New Bethel Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WALDROP, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, find by examining the letters from the various churches that Mud Creek, Freewill and Smithville Churches ask the next session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. VINES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Associational Purposes	$ 9 10
Minutes	11 20
Missions	12 70
Total	$33 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. P. LAIRD, Chairman.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the good people in the vicinity of Concord Church for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them. Especially do we thank God for the quiet and good spirit that have existed in the Brotherhood during our stay together.

Resolved, That the Clerk have $7.50 for his services, and Bro. White have the remainder of the Associational funds.

A collection was taken up for E. Brown, of the North River Association. Received, $6.30.

On motion, the collection on to-morrow will be contributed to the Orphans' Home.

Adjourned to meet with Smithville Church, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901.

A. WHITE, Moderator.

J. J. WALDROP, Clerk and Treasurer.

APPENDIX.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. Batson.

A collection was taken up for the Orphans' Home. The amount received was $8.83.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches which may connect themselves with this body.

Art. 3. Any church may be admitted into this body by general consent of the members present at any regular session.

Art. 4. Any church may withdraw from this body at its own discretion on proper application for dismission.

Art. 5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their interal rights, but merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal affairs.

Art. 6. The churches in the union shall transmit each annual session of the Association with a written communication specifying the names of their messengers, and the state of their churches since last session.

Art. 7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates. Any church failing to represent herself as above described shall state her reasons at the next session.

Art. 8. Newly constituted churches shall be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 9. The Association when convening shall be governed by a regular and proper rule of decorum, which she is authorized to after or amend according to her own views.

Art. 10. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be chosen by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that all the rules of decorum be strictly observed, and take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be chosen in the same manner, whose duty it shall be to make proper and correct minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall have the power to drop from her union any church which may violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Art. 12. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes according to the funds sent up for said purpose by the churches.

Art. 13. Queries that immediately concern the union of the churches, or introduced by a proper motion of the body, may be taken up and decided by the body.

Art. 14. The Association shall have a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys from the Finance Committee, and pay it out at the order of the Association.

Art. 15. We shall have the right to enact and carry out missionary work in all its bearings, so that giving or withholding shall not be a barrier of fellowship.

Art. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all the business on hand, unless it be in extraordinary cases.

Art. 17. Minutes of Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, if necessary, before the session rises.

Art. 18. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any session when two-thirds of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time; also, it shall be his duty to see that the rules of decorum are attended, and to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.

Art. 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day that the decision is made, but at no other time.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the transactions of the Association.

Art. 5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

Art. 6. The Moderator when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming them, or otherwise.

Art. 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under consideration, or use words of personal reflection, or with a view of calling to order for some particular purpose and any motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the one who made it.

Art. 8. Every case taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall put the question, and, if necessary, the sense of the body may be taken by rising to their feet.

Art. 9. When anything is taken up by the Association it shall first be decided upon before another is proposed.

Art. 10. No person shall depart from the service of the Association without leave of the same.

Art. 11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address to each other.

Art. 12. The name of the members shall be called as often as necessary.

Art. 13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in any time of public speech, or other practices that would dishonor the Association.

Art. 14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as others, provided he appoint some member to take his seat while he is speaking, but shall not be entitled to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall have the casting vote.

Art. 15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, without first obtaining leave of the Association, unless to explain.

Art. 16. Any person breaking the Rules of Decorum shall be reproved at the discretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach is made.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three in one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in a man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and holiness.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of truth.

6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe the Saints will persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only proper subjects, and do conscientiously believe that the true mode of Baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection and general judgment.

10. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as have been called of God, and regularly baptized and approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hand by presbytery.

12. We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Statistical Table of Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Clerks' P. O.	Membership Last Reported	Increase by			Decrease by			Present Membership	Missions	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	Associational
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death						
1 Adger				20											$ 1 00	
2 Big Creek	J. H. N. Hosmer	A. L. Wilkey	Scrap		4	15			1		32				80	$ 50
3 Casaldonia	H. A. Key	J. R. L. Payne			1			3	1	2	10				50	65
4 Concord	A. White	D. G. Knight	Earnest	110	14	5		10	1		124	$ 3 00		$ 50 00	1 00	1 00
5 Connellsville				12												
6 Free Will	A. White	E. D. Jenkins	Paloo	49				3			46				1 20	1 20
7 Hopewell	J. H. Mauldin	J. C. Prescott	Snow		8	4	1	6			76				1 20	50
8 Liberty	M. T. Huey	F. M. Vines	Short Creek	110	2	10	2	5	2	3	110				1 00	1 00
9 Mud Creek		W. C. Cargil	Rasburgh	106							106	7 70		50 05	1 50	1 30
10 Mt. Ida																
11 New Bethel	J. H. Mauldin	L. B. Hood	Palos		1			3	1	2	25				50	50
12 Pleasant Hill																
13 Rock Creek	G. B. Vines	J. R. Reeves	Toad Vine	70				6		1	62	2 00		20 00	75	60
14 Smithville	A. White	Alf. Smith	Toad Vine	79	12	8				3	96				2 00	
15 Sardis																
16 Union Grove	E. H. Tuggle	J. M. Reed			4			1	5	1	48				75	75
			Totals,	556	46	42	3	37	11	13	735	$12 70		$120 05	$12 20	$8 00